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Capt. W. J. Wadlington of Vaughans was a visitor to the office of THE BAPTIST a few days ago.

Bro. Powell B. Trotter, a ministerial student at Clinton, was in the city Monday looking after the interests of the *College Magazine*.

Bro. A. J. Alexander, of Con'on, while in this city on business, cheered our office with his presence for a few moments on last Friday.

Rev. J. L. Low of Utica was on last Lord's day called to the Wesson pastorate. We do not know whether he will accept or not.

The report of the Lebanon Association should have appeared three weeks ago but was mislaid and just discovered in time for this issue. This we regret.

The unification of the two Baptist Conventions in the Indian Territory is a matter of gratulation. They have united on such a basis as to give promise of co operation in their work.

Hillman College opened on 26th inst. with the largest attendance in its history. The number of boarders the first day was almost equal to the whole number enrolled last year.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey and Prof. A. J. Aven were in our office Monday. Dr. Lowrey is in good health and excellent spirits. Why not, with a college full of young men? 250! and still they come.

Mr. B. F. Johnson, of the B. F. Johnson Pub. Co., Richmond, Va., spent an hour with us a few days ago. This was our first acquaintance with Mr. Johnson personally. He impressed us as being a Christian gentleman of rare culture and piety. We are glad to own and love him as a Baptist brother.

The Prohibition Special Train seems to be attracting much attention. It has on board presidential candidate John G. Woolley and his party. The 19th of September was their first day out on the road. This is a novel scheme for candating. Possibly no prohibition candidate has ever attracted so much attention, and it is quite probable that no one ever received the support Mr. Woolley will receive.

The Foreign Mission Journal for October is a special edition on Woman's Work. It contains articles from several of our Southern women. Every woman ought to read this issue. Send on 25 cents for a year's subscription to the Journal and request the Oct. issue.

Water in abundance has been reached at the Orphanage at a depth of 400 feet. It is not an overflowing well, but will answer every purpose.

Brethren who have promised money to pay for this well, let it come right along into Bro Foster's hands.

The *Baptist and Reflector* shows by the following remark that it is keeping up with the procession:

"Dr. W. E. Ellis of Mississippi, now traveling in the Orient, is giving the Baptists of Mississippi the next thing to a trip through the East in his splendid letters to THE BAPTIST."

Some of the following articles of this series will be even more interesting than the former ones, as they have to do with the Holy Land.

Bro. E. Z. Simmons writes just as he is sailing for Canton, China:

"LEXINGTON, TEX., SEPT. 24, 1900.

"Dear Bro. Bailey—Enclosed find money order for \$3.00 to be applied on my subscription to THE BAPTIST. Please change my paper from Lexington, Texas to Canton China. We start back to China Oct. 1st. Some may think we ought not to return now but our brethren in Canton think that I ought to go now. I am needed there. It should be enough for us to know where duty calls. Pray for us and our work?"

"I do hope that Mississippi Baptists will give us five hundred dollars for this work. The troubles in China have not interfered with the work of printing on our press. And Bro. Chambers writes that they are getting all the work they can do.

"The Lord bless you in all of your work. With love."

Mission Indemnities.

The following from *The Independent* is well put:

"The officers of the societies in the United States and Canada conducting mission work in China met in this city last week, and took informal action in regard to their work in that Empire. For complete authority, there will need to be confirmation by the Boards themselves, but of that there is no doubt, and we may consider that we have an accurate outline of the policy to be pursued, and that it will meet with the approval of all we are confident.

"The action is given somewhat in detail elsewhere. In the first place there is to be no withdrawal. Without diminishing in any degree the serious loss incurred, there is no word of discouragement as to the future, but every confidence of still greater advance as soon as quiet can be secured. The present outlook is looked upon as temporary rather than permanent in character, and as more likely to open new doors than to close old

ones. Those who have been compelled to flee are already eager to return, and there will be no lack of volunteers to fill the places of those who have fallen at their posts.

"The second point covers the relation of this loss to the question of government protection and indemnity. The conference decided to ask for no indemnity, but if called upon by the Government to state its loss to confine its statement to the actual value of property destroyed, and so far as life is concerned, to make mention only of such lives as leave dependents in circumstances of destitution. There is no demand for punishment of offenders, either positive or indirect, while at the same time the legitimate and just claims of citizenship are not ignored, but all placed absolutely in the hands of the civil power."

Good News.

Our meeting at Air Mount commenced the 1st Sunday in September, and continued 7 days. Received by baptism 3; by letter, 2. The church was edified and much revived. We were assisted by Bro. David Burney. Bro. Burney is a splendid preacher, a deeply pious and consecrated man of God. With the pastor as well as with others, it was a week of good things, long, long to be remembered, never forgotten.

SHILOH.

At Shiloh we commenced September 23rd, and continued 8 days. Received by baptism 3; by letter, 2; received into full membership, in all 9. The writer did the preaching.

The sorghum, pea, hay and cotton crops, and much sickness, stood very greatly in the way of the meeting. But in spite of all obstacles, we had a good meeting.

Shiloh is a splendid church; she has more bright, pretty girls and fine-looking young men than any one church in this part of the State. Brother B., if you doubt it, come and be convinced.

Respectfully,

W. L. A. STRANBURG.

Gunnison.

The Lord has greatly blessed us through Bro. J. E. Barnett's preaching. You may say what you please, Mr. Editor, there is not a better preacher in this State than Bro. Barnett. He is doing a noble, self-sacrificing work in this Delta. He was a great blessing to us and the entire community. We have had 13 additions, 9 by baptism, 5 by letter, and one by restoration. Our beautiful little church stands as a monument to the self-denials, self-sacrificing, untiring labors of a few faithful servants. We ask the prayers of the brotherhood. There is much work that must be done in God's name and for His glory. Yours in Christ

E. D. SOLOMON.

Sept. 20, 1900.

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Joppa and Jerusalem.

We have landed at Joppa after having spent nearly two months in Europe. The harbor is poor and our boat anchored some distance from shore. In rough weather passengers cannot be landed, but fortunately for us the sea is calm and as soon as we can engage a row-boat we go ashore. As we touch foot on the soil of old Palestine we feel the dream of our life is being realized. Long have we talked and planned and dreamed of visiting the land of our Lord, now the planning and dreaming is being fulfilled. As the hills come up before us there comes over us the spirit of thanksgiving, and with grateful hearts we turn to God.

This is the land where prophets taught and glad old seers sat beside their crackling heartstones and talked of the Christ to come. This is the land where "angel's feet have trod" and the land whose rocks and hills once echoed with the footsteps of him who "spake as never man spake"—the blessed Christ our Lord.

On landing at Joppa we walked through its crooked and dirty streets up to the "Du Paril Hotel." On every side of our hotel we are shadowed by palms laden with fruit, and orange and lemon orchards rich with foliage and fruit stretch out in broad acres before us. At this season the fruit is green and to our great regret we feel of the privilege of eating fruit from this world-renowned orchard. It is a sight worth seeing to ride over the orchards of Joppa and see the heavily laden trees which in their season will bring forth much fine fruit.

We must turn aside from speaking further of the orchards and streets of Joppa and begin our visit to places of New Testament interest. It is natural to suppose that our first visit would be to the house of Simon the Tanner. The building seems to be of too modern date to be the real house in which Peter lodged, but the house upon which he prayed when he saw the vision must certainly have been near this spot, as it corresponds so readily with the Scripture statement. So we enter the room where Peter lodged then climbed upon the flat roof by an outside flight of stone steps. At the foot of the steps is an old well and near by an old Tanner's vat hewn out of solid stone, both of which are said to have been used by Simon the Tanner. To say the least they are very old as the well curbing of solid stone is considerably worn in drawing water. From here we go up to the traditional tomb of Dorcas, at each of these places we took from our pocket our Testament and read the account given there. To be in the city where these things occurred and feel you are standing near the spot where God so illustrated his power, moves the heart and makes the old Book seem wonderfully real. This is the city to which Hiram brought the timber for the temple, and from which Jonah departed when fleeing from duty. But as our guide does not show us any rafts or wharves we bid him adieu and depart for Jerusalem. The distance between these two cities is about 38 miles, but by rail it is about fifty. We choose to go by rail.

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Leaving the station we pass out through a beautiful orange grove and soon come into the valley of Sharon. Our train is not a Southern Express and has a great deal of time to spare. It made the fifty miles in a little less than five hours, so we had time to stop at all stations and make some observations. This plain is a rich and beautiful piece of country. But at this season (summer) we see all Palestine at its worst, as it is all dry and parched. It produces without irrigation, and as much grain is seen on the threshing floors it bespeaks what might be were it in the hands of expert farmers. Wheat is threshed as it was when Christ said: "Muzzle not the ox that treadeth out the corn."

Its pasture lands, all covered over with flocks of sheep and goats and great herds of cattle elates us and we begin at once to speak the praise of Palestine. But soon we find our conclusion has been too easily reached.

After leaving Joppa we come to Lydda where Peter was stopping when called to the former place after the healing of Aeneas from his long confinement with paralysis. Around it is the finest olive orchard we have yet seen. After passing from Lydda we came into the valley of Ajalon over which Joshua made the sun and moon stand still. As we ride through these palms we see the landmarks, a simple furrow with an occasional stone thrown in it, and seeing how easily it might be removed we are reminded of Joshua's law concerning it, "cursed be the man who moveth his neighbor's landmarks." Next we came to Ekron, one of the cities of the Philistines. Now we are in the midst of the valley of Sarek and looking over on a near-by hill we see a ruin and a few mud huts. This is Sarek the birthplace of Samson, and about two miles further east is a high mountain with a cave near the top in which it is said Samson hid himself after setting fire to Sharon, by tying fire-brands to the foxes' tails. After passing through these beautiful and interesting places we came to the reputed site of Kirjathaim where the ark rested so long after it was taken from the land of the Philistines.

As we continued to climb the mountains, I knew we were nearing the wonderful old city. I gazed intently watching for it to lift its old walls into view. At length its buildings without the gates begin to appear. I was moved with an emotion never before felt. The longings of a lifetime to be here are fulfilled. The trials and sufferings of Jesus sweep before me in one great panorama. Here in this city is Calvary and Golgotha upon which the Cross was planted, and this is the city over which he wept and this is the city in which he died to save a world. Stolid and cold indeed must be the soul unmoved by the sight. As we come up higher we enter the new city which extends quite a mile without the gates. The city being built on a mountain the railroad is not able to reach the summit, so the station is fully half a mile outside the Joppa gate. At the station we take carriages for our hotel which stands near the wall on the outside of the city. Strange as it may seem I ride into Jerusalem in a carriage built in New York.

I have often heard of the Arab and his horse. Here is our first introduction. Two of these horses are drawing our carriage with an Arab driver behind them. He cracks his whip and with a bound we are off. Jehu in his hurried flight did not dream of driving like this Arab. Dr. King hitched both hands around the back of the seat and braced himself with his feet, held his hat between his knees and breathed just before we started and after we landed. His hair was disheveled and his brows were dusty while beads of perspiration stood out baldly on his forehead. But we landed without broken bones, but thoroughly stirred from center to circumference. In this hurried flight we passed over the valley of Hinnom at the southern end of the lower pool of Gileon. At this season of the year the pool is dry and on certain days it is used as a market place by the Jews. Here grain, vegetables and meat are sold and hundreds of people come to buy. We were fortunate in seeing it on one of the market days. So instead of being full of water it was almost literally full of human beings. It was once a fine pool and could still be made one with the least possible repairing.

The valley is where the worship of Moloch was once held and where for long years the refuse of the city was dumped. It is not now what it once was, a narrow, deep and gloomy gorge. Having been the dumping station so long it is now considerably filled up. When its bottom was a naked rock, many feet below the present surface, and the rock walls around Mt. Zion raised high above it, it must have been well adapted to the horrid orgies practiced there by the apostate beings of Judah. At present the valley below the lower pool has a broad, rich floor where olives and vegetables are grown. In the spring grain is grown here, because the olive trees while rich and shady do not stand close enough to prevent the maturing of grain. After passing through this valley we land at our hotel late in the afternoon, too late to make any excursions in or around the city. But so anxious are we to see the great old town that we climb to the top of our hotel which stands near the northwest corner of the city wall and from here we take a bird's eye view. The first object I recognized without the city was the unmistakable Mount of Olives.

"That dear, honored spot,
The fame of whose wonder shall ne'er be forgot."

All around I could see the dark, gray wall of the city except in a few places where buildings of a recent date obstructed the view. On both sides of where I stand high mountain peaks can be seen. Yonder is old Mizpah to the south, and to the east the dark gloomy outlines of the mountains of Moab across the Dead Sea can be seen. Looking closer about me I am astonished to find on both sides of my hotel and on the west and northwest sides of the city a new town has sprung up. The gates of the city are no longer closed at night and no longer makes his raids on those without the gates, so all the improvements now being made are without the walls. This new town extends quite a mile from the Joppa gate, and it seems to me that within a few

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years this new city is destined to be the principal city of the two.

But it is growing late and our view from the housetops is being obstructed by the gathering darkness, so we must come down and take a rest before entering the city. For two reasons we are glad to be in Jerusalem tonight, one because it was the city of David and Solomon and the place of so many stirring incidents in the life of our blessed Lord and the city in which he died that we might live. Another reason, we are pleased to enter the Howard Hotel because it has been a month since we have read a letter or paper from loved ones at home. Our mail is handed us and we thoroughly devour it and are glad to hear good news. In my next letter we will enter the city and coming out will visit the Jordan. With good wishes,

I am yours fraternally,

W. E. ELLIS.

Jerusalem, Sept. 2, 1900.

Report of the Sixth Annual Session of the Lebanon Association.

(Held with the Hattiesburg Baptist church, Hattiesburg, Miss., Aug. 30-31, 1900.)

The Association was called to order at ten o'clock a. m. by Elder Chas. G. Elliott in the absence of Dr. O. D. Bowen, moderator, which was occasioned by delayed train.

After devotional exercises and the usual routine, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the reelection of her former faithful and efficient officials, O. D. Bowen, Moderator; Chas. G. Elliott, clerk and treasurer; both of whom have served continuously in their present respective official capacities since its organization with this church six years ago. There were some doubters at that time who could not fully appreciate the wisdom of the move to organize a new association in south Mississippi, but there are none to-day who would dare question. From a few churches composing its organization it has grown to be sixth in importance in our State, comprising twenty-five churches, numbered among the membership of which are some of the strongest and most enthusiastic Christian workers to be found any where, young in years but replete in good works. With a long stretch of future usefulness lying out before her may she go on in her good works until the Master shall come to claim his own.

The session just closed is universally conceded to be one of the most profitable and harmonious ever witnessed by many old soldiers of the Cross whose heads have grown white in the service of Him who loved us and gave himself for us. God be praised! "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Every subject was thoroughly but not tiresomely discussed. From the very start there was an air of business characterizing the meeting which was plainly observable to all present, and you were at once impressed with the idea that these people have met for a purpose, and that not to idle away precious God-given moments. In two hours after the usual committees were appointed some of them had prepared their reports and were ready to bring them before the body. In this way ample

time was given for complete consideration of every report, and none were railroaded through, as is too frequently the custom with some associations on the eve of adjournment. It is to be hoped that other associations may adopt this systematic business way of attending to the Lord's business.

We were pleased to meet many of our brethren prominent in our State for their good works; notably our efficient secretary, Dr. A. V. Rowe, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, that enthusiastic educator and faithful and timely friend of our College and Bro. Bailey editor of THE BAPTIST, our able denominational paper. Dr. Searcy, his former associate, but now of the Gulf-coast where he is doing a great work and Dr. L. E. Hall who was the faithful and efficient pastor of the Hattiesburg Baptist church for thirteen years, during which time he did a great work leaving the impress on its membership of a splendid life well spent in the service of our Lord. He is now engaged in missionary work at Gulfport and along the line of the G. & S. I. R. R.

It was universally regretted that we were deprived of the presence and countenance of the pastor of this church, Dr. J. N. McMillin caused by sickness of himself and his little son Joe. Bro. McMillin is doing a great work at Hattiesburg, and is much loved by all his people. Well may it be said that Bro. Hall's mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders. Bro. McMillin though young in years, ranks with the foremost preachers of our State. He was selected to preach the associational sermon for next year and those who fail to hear him I am sure will miss a treat.

I could name many other brethren who deserve to be mentioned, but for fear of trespassing on your space I will desist. No, I cannot until I mention two more, just two more, please. Bishop J. R. Farish, that grand old soldier of the Cross, who can and who does, preach some of the "biggest" Baptist sermons ever heard in or out of the State. A grand old man, baptistic to the core. Your reporter had the honor of entertaining him and in conversation with him asked the question, "Bishop Farish, why is it our Methodist brethren make so much more fuss over chicken eating than we baptists?" His reply, as usual, was to the point. "Eating of chicken is no new thing to us Baptists, we began, you know, over seventeen hundred years before they did it and it is grown to be common with us." It is needless to say my hat was off to the "Bishop."

Now "the one more," last but not least, except in stature, I refer to our beloved moderator, Dr. O. D. Bowen. It would be hard to find such a sweet spirited Christian any where, and one who has been more faithful in the service of the Master.

May all these grand, good men and "the many more" not mentioned, live long to bless the world with their good deeds.

Faithfully yours,

W. M. CONNER.

BY REQUEST.

A Correction.

By an oversight, I let out of my report the name of Bro. L. R. Burrs from the visitors to the Aberdeen Association.

Yours &c.,

R. A. COOPER

Blue Mountain Chow Chow.

BY ST. CLAIR LAWRENCE.

There is something wrong when a church member has to go to the theatre, or join a croquet or base ball club, to get happy—a doctor is needed.

—The experience of Abraham and that of God's servants of this day are coincident, in the fact that faith and obedience are always followed by special tokens of His approval.

—If you try to be the kind of Christian that everybody wants you to be, you will get terribly tired before you get to glory; and, likely as not, you will need several bottles of spiritual camphor to relieve your fainting fits along the way.

—There are some professed Christians—a preacher now and then—who seem to think that many of the gracious promises in the Bible were put in to fill up, and furnish pretty lessons for Sunday-school recitals.

—Your correspondent has been assisting pastor L. P. Cossett in a good meeting at Flat Rock church. Seven had united with the church for baptism, and others likely to join before the close, on the 23rd ult.

—Pastor J. R. Carter baptized 13 candidates on the 16th ult. at Ashland and five others united with the church by letter. This was the result of the late meeting held at that place in which the writer assisted; it was followed by a Methodist meeting and most of those who were baptized professed conversion at the meeting.

—Bro. W. E. Berry had a good meeting at Ripley, the best that has been held at that place for several years. Eight were baptized into the fellowship of the church, beside which the saints were much revived and many sinners awakened.

—Blue Mountain Female College opened on the 19th ult. with an enrollment of 250 students, to which has been added a number more. The incompleteness of the building occasions much regret, but it was simply impossible, in consequence of the unprecedented weather, to do better. Twenty-five or thirty girls applied for admission who are not here for want of room. By the first of next quarter they will be able to enter with ample accommodations.

There are in America 1,633 Baptist Associations; 28,409 ordained Baptist ministers; 42,893 churches; 4,141,995 members; value of church property, \$83,942,243. We have twenty-four charitable institutions, with property valued at \$1,626,171. We have also one of the greatest publishing societies in the world. A century ago American Baptists had one feeble, struggling school—now Brown University. The present showing is: Theological seminaries, 1,064; property, \$2,022,662; endowment, \$2,360,257. Universities and colleges, 92; instructors, 1,505; students, 23,604; property, 22,728,760; endowment, \$14,271,818. Institutions for negroes and Indians, included in above, 13; Academies, seminaries and institutions, 80; instructors, 604; students, 10,433; property, \$1,265,158; endowment, \$52,993; institutions for negroes and Indians, included in above, 21.

Speech of Earnest L. Collins.

[Delivered on September 1st, before the Tippah Association, pending the adoption of the Report on education.]

PART II.

And, young ladies, you, too, should have cultivated minds and literary tastes. 'Tis true it is not expected of you to command our armies or navies, preside over our governmental assemblies, grace the pulpit, nor like Mary Lease, Susan B. Anthony and others, stroll over the country, advocating what they call "Women's Rights." Such a position, ladies, as I perceive, would be derogatory to your sex; but you may, like Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Graves, or like our own youthful, yet gifted, Mary Johnson, who has fascinated the world with her exquisite stories of colonial Virginia, so indelibly stamp your name upon the pages of your country's history, that the fingers of time can never erase it. You have the privilege and duty to qualify yourself for a pleasing and useful passage through life.

Until recently, woman has been Prometheus-bound to the mountains of ignorance, and the vulture of superstition has all the while been preying upon her vitals; but thank God, we live in an age, and in a land in which those bonds are broken; and instead of being regarded as subordinate and subservient to man, she is considered his equal, and in some respects, his superior, and is the recognized queen of every castle in the land. I shall only remind you, at these new liberties and powers carry with them a corresponding weight and responsibility. May God help you to meet it as a woman.

In conclusion, allow me to offer a few suggestions as to where you may come into possession of these qualities, which are so calculated to invest your name with a halo of immortality. In the first place, I shall say that it is not altogether compulsory that you take a college course within college walls, for some of the world's wisest and best men never saw inside a college. But I would say, and most emphatically, too, that a college course is highly necessary and beneficial; and the only question to decide is, what college shall you attend? I firmly believe that the very best places at which the sons and daughters of Mississippi can be educated, where they will find more encouragement and less discouragement in their struggle for the mastery in letters, are at Clinton and Blue Mountain; and I know that these are the very best places in the world where Mississippi Baptists can be educated. I believe that Mississippi College and Blue Mountain College have done more to elevate the manhood and womanhood of the State than any other two institutions. Their influence is not confined to Mississippi alone, but extends even into the uttermost parts of the earth. When I behold Mrs. Graves in China, Mrs. Hooker in Mexico, Chastain and Walker in Mexico, Eager in Italy, and others in Africa and Japan, I think of these colleges as golden chandeliers, hanging from the dome of heaven itself, lighted by the electric light of God's eternal love, shedding its radiant rays through the dark corners of the earth, illumining the pathway to earth's benighted millions.

Aside from the foreign missionaries that Mississippi College has produced, there have gone from her walls into the arena of civil action, men who are eloquent in the pulpit, eminent at the bar, conspicuous in our national assemblies, leading educators, and first and foremost in all the vocations of life. To prove this, I have only to point you to such men as Sid Williams, T. T. Martin, A. V. Rowe, W. T. Lowrey, Governor Longino, Ex-Governor Eagle, of Arkansas, O. M. Johnson, of the Leland Stanford University, Jack Hardy, of the A. & M. College of Mississippi, Dr. Geo B. Eager of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Pres. B. G. Lowrey of the Blue Mountain Female College, and others too numerous to mention.

Yes, Mississippi College is a priceless legacy to the State of Mississippi; and we are truly proud of her. I am glad we have a College that realizes to meet the demand of the day, the boy must be educated morally and physically as well as intellectually. I am glad we have a college in which a philosophy is taught, that recognizes the All Wise in all things. I am glad we have a college in which a geology is taught that traces the footprints of the lowly Nazarene over the hills and through the valleys. I am glad we have a college in which a science is taught, that recognizes in the blossoms of the lily the power that rules the storm. I speak not in disparagement of other institutions; but such a college, endowed with such a faculty, and with such a God to help us, who has loved us and blessed us in the past—I do not hesitate in recommending it to any one.

Myrtle, Miss.

Notice!

Louisville Association—This Association will meet with Noxubee Baptist church on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October, being the 13th of the month. Noxubee church is twelve miles a little southwest from Brooksville, a station on the M. & O. Railroad in Winston county.

All persons wishing to attend the Association and coming by rail will be met at that place on Friday. All persons who are coming will please drop a card to A. White, Lynn Creek, Miss., so that he may know how to provide for their transit. We would be glad to have as many come as will. We will try to accommodate all who come. Bro. Editor, we expect Bro. Rowe and yourself without fail.

Yours for the work,

G. E. McDANIEL.

The Storm Sufferers of Texas.

To answer inquiries from different quarters and to facilitate the proper relief measures, I make the following very brief statement:

There is very great suffering, not only in Galveston, but throughout a large belt of country where the storm spent its strength. Many of our Baptist brethren have been swept of everything in the world. Their houses were blown to pieces and even their clothing lost. I see that the different denominations throughout the country are making special contributions for their brethren. If it shall

please the brethren who read this to make an offering for the poor saints of Texas, either to supply their personal wants or to aid rebuilding the numerous Baptist meeting houses blown down throughout the country, whatever they choose to send me I will try to see well and faithfully used. I say not a word about the awful calamities which have befallen our people. There are no words to describe them. I leave it to the brethren to do as in their hearts they may feel would please the Master.

J. B. GAMBRELL,

Cor. Sec. Baptist General Convention.
Dallas, Texas.

An Omission.

My article which appeared in THE BAPTIST of July 5, 1900, on Our Journalism, is marred by an omission, which I sincerely regret. The fact that in 1866, and the year following, The Christian Watchman was published in Jackson eluded me. I stand before the brotherhood with my hat off.

The prospectus of The Christian Watchman was sent out from Jackson early in January, 1866, and specimen copies February 14, 1866. The first number was forwarded to prominent Baptists of the State, March 15, 1866. The enterprise was hazardous, as mail facilities were irregular and imperfect at that short remove from the Civil War, and very few of the first number could reach their intended destination. The first copy extant is of June 14, 1866. Elder J. B. Hamberlin was then editor, and Atkins and Kimball proprietors. The price of the paper was \$5.00 a year until Aug. 2, 1866, after that time \$4.00 a year for single copy.

Elder H. M. Atkins appeared as editor January 17, 1867, and associated with him Elder Joseph Sosrby, March 7, 1867. On May 16, 1867, Whitfield, Ward & Co. were proprietors, with Elder Theodore Whitfield as editor, and Elder Joseph Sosrby associate editor. The last number preserved is a copy of Sept. 26, 1867.

The design of the paper was to foster Foreign Missions, Home Missions, the educational interests and the Orphan's Home. The report on publications made to the convention of 1867, written by Dr. D. P. Bestor says, "Should the brethren throughout the State come to its support it would be liberally sustained," which amounts to about the same as saying, "should I make a great man, a great man I would be."

Z. T. LEAVELL.

The Orphanage Well.

We have had the good fortune or great blessing of obtaining an abundance of pure free-stone water. It does not overflow, but will have to be pumped from the well, which from the first we expected. The vein of water was reached Sept. 23, but I did not wish to be too early in announcing success, but wish to test the well both as to quantity and quality of water. To say that I am satisfied with both is a feeble statement. We are all inexpressibly happy and grateful.

Five thousand gallons were pumped from

the well Saturday without any appreciable effect. The seratum of water bearing sand is twenty-eight feet in depth, while the contractor says twenty feet would have given us abundance of water. He says we can obtain one hundred thousand gallons daily from the well. We cannot possibly use one-fourth of that. The water has a temperature of 70 degrees, and is a pure free stone water, comparatively free from mineral, and will be well adapted for all purposes.

I do not know the exact depth of the well, but judging from the amount of casing pipe put in would say about four hundred feet, roughly speaking. The cost has been about \$800, and \$200 more will be needed to equip the well with pumping apparatus. The subscription made at Convention will be sufficient when paid. Much is still unpaid but perfectly good. On account of delay in payment we had to borrow \$300 to keep the work going; and trust every subscription will be paid as early as possible.

When we remember the great blessing and luxury of having an ample supply of good water we all heartily sing:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."
L. S. FOSTER.

Questions and Answers.

[Conducted by A. J. Fawcett, D. D., Hazlehurst, to whom all queries should be addressed. Make the questions short, simple and practical; let them pertain to church polity and biblical interpretation.]

Bro. J. E. Lowe.

BOGUE CHITTO, MISS.

Asks—"If a member comes to a Baptist church from the anti-missionary Baptists should the missionary church baptize such a member?"

No. Because the ecclesiastical standing of the anti-missionary churches is as good as the missionary churches. In the early history of the Kentucky and Tennessee churches and associations united and no mention is made of another baptism.

Besides, if we reject a member on account of his anti-missionary proclivities, we would reject perhaps three-fourths of our own members on the same score. I am aware of the fact that the above opinion will not meet the approval of some of our brethren—yet the facts as stated are nevertheless true.

It may be said that anti-missionary brethren do not endorse our baptism, that may be true, but it is nevertheless true we do not regard their practice as the standard of orthodoxy. We are not, therefore to measure our practice by their standards. We confess they are wrong on the question of missions, but does this fact unchurch them? If so the same fact unchurches many of our people.

A Word.

I want to say to the brethren, who may ask questions, that it is my purpose to make this department of the paper just as practical, profitable and helpful as possible. In order to do this, let me insist that the brethren no-

tice carefully the heading of the question column, specially the words, "Let the questions pertain to Biblical interpretations or church polity," and not "dote about questions and strifes of words."

I have before me a question which pertains to a family trouble, and another with reference to the base-ball craze and still another asking should a Christian vote with a political party which foster the whisky traffic. These are questions which I can not answer specifically, and were I to do so the answers would by no means stop those evils. The best remedy I can suggest for these evils is to purify the moral atmosphere, and thus starve them out.

A. J. FAWCETT.

Dear Old Mississippi.

Here I come again, to tell you about our Texas people. We have had some great meetings this year. One of the largest was with Bro. Robert Merrill, of Sulphur Springs, Texas. "Bob" is doing as fine work for his church as any man in the State.

Lattimore, of Denton, has his church in as good condition as any church you ever saw, and he is one of the hardest-worked men in this State, as he is an active trustee of Baylor Female College.

The Lord has added more than seven hundred to his churches, where we have labored this year, and we hope for more than 1,000 before the year is out. Dr. E. E. King, of McKinney, has not returned from the "Holy Land" yet. We have just closed a splendid meeting at Temple, with seventy-six additions to the church. We are now at Bonham, Texas, with Dr. D. G. Whittinghill. Sixteen up to date; we look for others. I am glad to see McComb is doing such a great work. We would take him back, if we could get him.

Let every Mississippian help G. B. Butler build that church at Natchez, as it is a very important field.

Our churches at Galveston, Texas, have been destroyed, and the brethren are greatly in need. I was in hope that some of the wealthy folks in our Mississippi churches would send some aid to them. Brethren, our church in San Antonio raised \$130, and our citizens raised for the general fund more than \$20,000.

SIDNEY J. WILLIAMS.

Meeting at Drew.

On the 13th, our meeting closed at Drew, with 13 accessions, 3 for Baptism, increasing the membership to 22.

This is a new town on a new railroad, in north Sunflower county. It has about a dozen business houses, but no church house, and although progress has been made, yet not enough to insure us a place for worshipping during the winter season. The work under the direction of the Mission Board, has been carried on against difficulties. For the summer tabernacle has been an open mill shed or a vacant store-house where we could get it. Where, as during our meeting, we used a barrel for a pulpit, while the men perched upon counters, and the comforts offered to the ladies were rough planks laid across

boxes, yet the gospel has had its power there, and we believe the people at Drew are more anxious and earnest about the work than ever before.

DONALD ALLEN.

Summer.

We have just closed a good meeting with Bro. Rice's church at Summer. Had 15 additions, 12 for baptism.

This is one of the best churches in the Delta. They have a new church, organ, communion service, etc., and some of the best people I ever knew.

They are to have Bro. Rice two Sundays a month. He is a good preacher and has done good work in this part of the State.

A. L. O'BRIEN.

Special Notice.

The Central Association will convene HERE October 12th, at 10 a. m. The churches will ALL please elect their delegates at once, that all persons who expect to attend this Association may not fail to send me their names at once, that we may thereby be enabled to assign homes to all.

CHAS. L. LEWIS, Pastor.

Raymond, Miss.

The Chickasaw Association.

This grand old body met in its sixty-first annual session with Mt. Pleasant church at Wallerville. Of the 36 churches that compose the body, 34 were present by messengers and letters. 218 baptisms were reported and decided advance along all lines of work were shown. The former officers were re-elected. It was a working body. Many said the best session they ever attended. The morning of the second day was given to "The New Century Movement." The subjects were well handled, interesting and instructive, especially "An Era in Education, by W. T. Lowrey, "An Era in Missions" by A. V. Rowe, and "An Era in Journalism" by T. J. Bailey.

Broader plans were laid for work during the next associational year. It was decided to systematize the churches in their gifts to the objects fostered by the State Convention, by giving September, October and November to Foreign Missions; December to Mississippi College; January, February and March to Home Missions; and April, May and June to State Missions, and E. E. Thornton of New Albany was requested to keep the object before the churches at the time mentioned.

The reunion on Friday of all the associations, eleven in number, now accupying the territory once occupied by the Chickasaw was a great occasion.

It was inspiring to hear the old brethren talk of sixty years ago, and tell what "God hath wrought." The entire four days was a great spiritual uplift.

E. E. THORNTON.

Mississippi Association.

The Mississippi Association will meet with the New Salem church on Saturday October 13th.

New Salem is nineteen miles west of Brookhaven. We desire to have a full attendance, and we especially request the presence of Bro. Rowe and the Editor of THE BAPTIST.

Fraternally,

E. A. BATES, Mod.

SOME GOOD MEETINGS.

PROSPECT.

We began our meeting at Prospect, Montgomery county, the 5th Sunday in July and continued 8 days with large congregations. The church was greatly revived, one restored and four were baptized.

The writer was assisted by Rev. W. T. Hudson of Memphis, Tenn., who delighted his hearers with his attractive manner of preaching.

Bro. Hudson was baptized into the fellowship of this church and his friends were glad to welcome him back to his old home church.

PLEASANT GROVE.

The writer assisted Rev. W. H. Thompson at Pleasant Grove, Chickasaw county, following the first Sunday in August where he joined by experienced. Then began at Hoboken the 2nd Sunday in August and protracted several days, closing all the preaching at the conclusion of which three were baptized.

NEW SALEM.

We began our meeting at New Salem, Carroll county, the 3rd Sunday in August and the writer was assisted some by Rev. Madison Flowers.

The church was greatly revived and the meeting closed by baptizing four.

Bro. Flowers is greatly beloved by all who know him, and has a bright future before him.

SLATE SPRINGS.

The church at Slate Springs began their meeting the 1st Sunday this month with their pastor (the writer) doing the preaching.

The meeting lasted 7 days and closed by adding to the church 6 by experience and as many more by letter and restoration.

This was considered a great meeting; because the church had been in a torn up condition, but thanks be to God who quelled all differences through the power and influence of the Holy Spirit.

The church became united in the spirit of the Lord's cause, and the meeting closed with the membership greatly revived and many sinners inquiring "Men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?"

Yours in Christ,

A. C. BALL.

Poplarville.

Yesterday was a good day at Poplarville. The young people met and reorganized a B. Y. P. U. with 32 members. H. C. Gridley president, Miss Cora M. C. secretary, Miss Bessie Scarborough corresponding secretary. We also have a very interesting Junior Union with 37 members doing the work. So we have more than 60 young people that meet once a week to study God's word.

PASTOR

Hebron.

Dear Baptist—As other brethren are telling of their meetings, I would like to tell of mine. On Saturday the fifth Sunday in July, we began a meeting at Hebron. Bro. H. Lane came Monday and preached to the delight of all. Visitation results 5 additions,

the church lifted higher still.

On Saturday before the second Sunday in August we began at Mt. Pleasant with that prince of preachers S. W. Sibley of McComb City to do the preaching, and he never preached better, and the people were moved as never before. The Lord gave us nine valuable accessions.

This is a mission church in a destitute portion of the Mississippi Association where the Lord has some choice spirits, though few. On Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August I began a meeting at Amite River. Bro. W. A. Hewett joined me Monday where he held forth the word of life until Wednesday night. The meeting was not as the pastor greatly desired but there was much good done. One addition.

Embracing the first Sunday in September we began at Bethel, where the brethren had just ceiled the house, put in a new pulpit and everything was in readiness and a revival in progress. When Bro. Hewett came Monday night we went on with increasing interest until Friday night. There were 7 baptisms and 2 by letter.

This closed my summer's work. All of my churches have taken on new life and we expect to make a strong pull for the Master. We anticipate a forward movement in unity, brotherly love, missions and all the Christian graces and the extension of the kingdom of the Lord. Pray for us.

J. J. WALKER

East Fork, Sept 20th, 1900.

Oak Hill.

Oak Hill church, Pontotoc county, after a six day's meeting by the pastor, J. H. Jenkins, assisted by Bro. Walter Epting, our church was greatly revived, sinners convicted and mourners converted. Result, fourteen happy creatures buried with Christ in baptism and only two of them children thirteen years of age. Glory to God on High; peace on earth, good will to men.

F. E. PITTS, church clerk.

Nixon, Miss., Sep. 15, 1900.

Leon, Mexico.

We have just returned from the annual business meeting of the South Mexican Mission, held at Morelia. It is our custom to meet annually to make out our estimates for the next year, to get more thoroughly acquainted with one another, and more especially to get a good spiritual uplift from mingling with our brethren and talking of the goodness of our Heavenly Father.

After toiling for a year in different fields, speaking all the while a different language, and contending with all the vexations and disappointments that come to us in this life, we get very hungry for a good old-fashioned spiritual meeting in which we can speak our mother tongue, and we crave the association of our fellow laborers.

Accordingly at the appointed time, my wife and I, started on our way, and joining Bro. Mahon and family at Acambaro, we had a pleasant little trip down to Morelia, the home of Bro. Chastain.

We enjoyed very much the many interest-

ing things to be seen in that quaint and historic old city, but very much more the hospitality shown us by Brother and Sister Chastain. Besides the business meeting and the regular services held in Spanish, we had devotional exercises in English which might take the place of the associations held back in the States.

We chatted gaily of many familiar faces and things back in dear old Mississippi. How fondly our hearts cling to college experiences, places of conversion, church relationships, hallowed spots, and the faces of beloved friends! We could never tire of talking about them.

Withal we felt very much benefited and refreshed by our trip and are ready for another hard year's work. The entire mission asks a continued interest in your prayers.

Fraternally,

RUFUS W. HOOKER.

September 10, 1900

Eupora.

Our protracted meetings in this section are nearly over. In Walthall, our county seat, the writer held forth for 8 days. We had good spiritual meetings, good congregations, fine order and the church revived. So far as the visible results are concerned, only 3 additions to the church, 2 by letter and 1 by baptism. We will long and gratefully remember the brethren and sisters at Walthall, may God bless them abundantly in my prayer.

Sunday, September 2nd, I went to the assistance of Rev. J. H. D. Watson at Bluff Springs, Choctaw county. I did all the preaching for five days; had a glorious meeting, 25 additions to the church, 22 by baptism and 3 by letter; but on account of sickness in the community, had to close. Bro. Watson, the pastor, is a fine Christian man, and an agreeable yoke-fellow. I never labored with a better or more consecrated man. May God bless him. The church has called him for the ensuing year, which will complete his seventh year as pastor of that church.

The whole community was aroused to a sense of duty during the meeting. We hope to hear good and great things yet from that field. Wishing THE BAPTIST great success,

I remain,

R. M. RICHARDSON.

Delta Meetings.

I held an 8 day's meeting, embracing the 2nd Sunday in August, with the Merigold Baptist church. Congregations were large for a small Delta church—from twenty to forty at the morning services, and often reaching more than a hundred at night. It was one of the most spiritual meetings I ever attended; 8 additions, six by baptism and 2 by letter. This gives us a membership of about thirty, and we are ever praying for a continuation of God's rich blessings.

I held an 8 day's meeting, also, with the Baptist church at Cleveland. The power of the Holy Spirit was manifested by drawing Christians closer to God and uniting the church more fully in brotherly love. The church is now ready to demand a higher spiritual life and Christian activity of its members. Fourteen have been added to the church since May. Pray for the Delta work.

J. R. G. HEWLETT.

REVIVALS.

I wish to say a word in regard to my meetings. My first was at Line Creek, in Scott county, on the 2nd Sunday in August.

Because my help failed to be there, I had to do all the preaching. We had one of the best meetings in the history of the church. I baptized ten at the close of the meeting, and one remains to be baptized at the next meeting. The church was built up much and God's name glorified.

From Line Creek we, my wife and I, went to Leesburg in Rankin county. Here we met Rev. B. Maum, the much beloved man and preacher, who assisted in the meeting. The church and congregation hung on his words, (the gospel.)

We had large attendance every day. The Lord greatly blessed the efforts to advance His kingdom. Many were converted to God, but joined their home Baptist church. We received two.

From here I went to Providence, in Yazoo county. Bro. T. J. Miley, of Mayton, met me at Pelahatchie, and went to assist me in the meeting. We arrived at the church at the close of a singing school, taught by Bro. East, a student in Mississippi College.

Bro. Miley's first text was "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss." The conclusion was that we should always have an open avenue to God. People never listened with more earnestness and eagerness to the plain gospel truths. He did all the preaching, save one sermon by the pastor. I baptized 14, and one remains to be baptized yet.

Bro. Miley went to Liverpool on the 1st Sunday last, and filled my pulpit, while I, according to promise, filled Bro. Maum's pulpit at Rocky Springs.

I spent a part of Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce. Bro. Pierce is a graduate of Mississippi College, and found him full of the College spirit. Bro. Pierce is a literary genius and is filled to overflowing with the Master's cause.

I spent the night with Dr. Chester, and the night was pleasantly spent, for he and his wife know how to make any one feel pleasant and good. I baptized three and then preached to a very attentive congregation.

I took dinner with Bro. Shirley and wife, who made me feel like I was at home.

I baptized 27 this summer, and have others awaiting baptism, and about 40 converted to God, as far as we may know.

I am in Clinton now, waiting for school to open. My wife will attend Hillman, and I, Mississippi College.

MOORESVILLE.

The 4th Sunday in August the writer was with Bro. W. H. Moore at Mooreville. Truly did the Lord visit these saints in the power of His spirit. The interest was good from the first up to the close. Some eight or ten professed Christ, two were restored to the church; one joined by letter. The church was greatly revived. This is said to be the greatest revival held at Mooreville in ten years. The services were characterized by spirituality. Bro. Moore is pastoring these saints very ably. The Lord bless his efforts continually.

RICHMONDLEE.

Again we were with Bro. W. H. Moore at Richmondlee. The meeting began the 2nd Sunday in September, and only lasted seven days and nights. This was the best revival we have been in this season. Interest began with the first service. The brethren had their hearts right before the Lord. During the revival many inquiring souls came and enquired of the writer the way of eternal life. Evidently sinners came flocking home to God. When the services closed we found that 27 souls were happily converted to the love of Christ, and 20 of these united with the church. On last Sabbath evening Bro. Moore led 19 of the 20 down into the watery grave, and buried them with Christ in baptism. One young lady was sick and could not be baptized. The Lord be praised for His goodness toward the children of men.

We are now at Mantachie with Bro. W. A. Reynolds. The Lord is with us. Results up to Tuesday night—several souls converted, and 9 have united with the church to be baptized. Praise the Lord!

Yours in hope of eternal life.

W. N. SWAIN.

Subsidiary Currency.

BY J. A. H.

When we were asked some time ago, why it was that so many of our Baptist people are so apologetic and fraternal toward the Roman Catholics, we almost intuitively replied, "because of the Romaizing tendencies of so many of our city pulpits, religious newspapers and Sunday School quarterlies, so much of the Catholic poison of Easter and other poison has fallen upon our Baptist blossoms that it shows conspicuously on the fruit."

And so the "Grand Encampment men" protested against school histories that give a little justice to the Southern people. One would think the lazy vagabonds would be satisfied with their government pensions, much of which is contributed by those same Southern people, and not, materially shorten their carnal enjoyments of them by worrying their lives out over the little moiety of truth and justice given to Southern people in our national histories.

As a fly in a bowl of huckleberries and milk has the "right-of-way" with all lavish and hasty eaters, so do the heretical utterances of some prolific and plausible revival and other religious and continent trotters, with not a few little thinking church members. If, however, the effect would always be the same—a digorgement—the situation would be still hopeful.

No hell? Well, yes, we could wish there was not, for her sake, when we saw a poor, broken-hearted mother wringing her hands in unutterable agony over the ghastly corpse of her only son, shot to death in a vile brothel, and in the midst of a carnival of drunken riotousness. Yes, for the sake of that grief-

whelmed mother, we could wish there was nothing in the prospect of the dead, but hope, and love and heaven. A hell? Well, yes, when we looked upon the ghastly, bleeding form, all slashed and mangled by his drunken hand, and thought of the inhuman traffickers in the liquid hell-fire that made him so, we could almost wish there was a hell of hells. O, wretched nation that we are! who shall deliver us from this body of death?

One of the acutest provocations of working men to kick against their lot of poverty and hardship, is the fact that much of the large profits from their scantily paid labor goes to hire impecunious titled imbeciles in Europe to marry the butterfly daughters of American millionaires. This is mainly the result of corrupt legislation coupled with a more corrupt system and method of politics. But one of these days our people will wake up and go to the polls and vote right. Then will begin the reform, of even chances for all and special favors for none.

It is claimed that "the name of Christ is held in greater reverence to-day than ever before." We fear this is true only in a narrow sense. True enough, more people mention it and profess to honor it, but is it not with most of them a thinner reverence than the Bible warrants? Observe the flippancy of many of the songs that carry the name, as well as the like manner of singing them, together with the unspeakable irreverence amounting to levity, if not downright contumacy, in many congregations where they profess to worship. The show of reverence for his name by many of the social orders is falsely for him as their patron saint of anarchy and not for religion and the glory of God.

Why should any young man smoke, and especially the Christian young man? Does he not want to make the most of himself for himself and for God? Why then should he do that which injures his eyesight, wrecks his nerves, enfeebles his will, and altogether enslaves the whole man by an expensive, unclean and useless habit? If he learned to smoke when he was a thoughtless boy, as so many do, then why does he not, now that he is a man, even God's man, to resolve, with God's help, to be himself the master?

Announcement.

Rev. George Whitfield has resigned his place as Treasurer of the Ministerial Board, Dr. W. T. Lowrey being elected in his place. So hereafter all contributions to ministerial education, and business communications concerning it should be addressed to

DR. W. T. LOWREY.

Clinton, Miss.

Mississippi Association.

The Mississippi Association will meet with the New Salem church, eighteen miles west of Brookhaven, on the Brookhaven and Meadville road, one mile north of said road.

Yours truly,

JOHN F. PORTER.

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Experience has taught us that the cash system is best. This is backed up by the judgment and desire of our subscribers. This applies not only to subscriptions, but to marriage notices exceeding 25 words and death notices exceeding 100 words. By reference to our standing rules on page 8, all can see our regulations. In no case will we publish marriage notices of more than 25 words, or death notices of more than 100 words, unless cash to cover excess of words accompany notice. In all cases where the notice contains an excess of words and is not accompanied by the cash, the notice will be returned, with the request that it be cut down to the prescribed number of words, or that the cash to cover the excess of words be enclosed with the notice back to us.

We are now, under no circumstance, putting new names on our subscription list without cash in advance. From now on each subscriber will be billed two or three weeks before the expiration of his term of subscription, and requested to renew. If he does not do so, his paper will stop when his time is out. This rule will be applied with absolute impartiality. Let no one presume that an exception will be made in his case. We have made these plain statements that no one may have any reason to blame us if his paper stops.

We beg to request those in arrears, that they will make settlement just as early as practicable, that our business may be strictly on the cash basis.

The tendency of all commercial lines in the South is toward the cash basis. We wish to keep up with the march.

A man who undertakes to rear a family without taking his denominational paper, is fifty years behind the times.—B. F. Johnson.

THE BAPTIST.

Chickasaw Association.

The recent session at Stonewall was noteworthy in several respects. It was well attended, and the business transacted with perfect harmony; while reports made were unusually good and the speeches admirable.

Elder W. J. David was chosen Moderator; Bro. C. C. Roberts, Clerk and Treasurer. The hospitality of the Stonewall people could not be excelled. Even the class of little singers, with the teacher, Miss Mabel Ethel Roberts, taken down by the writer, were royally entertained.

Owing to the continued sickness of both his sons, Dr. Venable was unable to attend. Dr. Hackett was there, and represented THE BAPTIST, of course. Bro. C. F. Woods was a great help, both in the Association and the Institute. Among the visiting brethren were Elders D. W. Bosdell and W. A. Rober, with here and there a layman.

Of the thirty-one churches composing the body, twenty-eight were represented. All except three reported Sunday schools; several reported Women's Societies, but only one—Thirty-first Avenue, Meridian—reported a B. Y. P. U. and a Sunbeam organization. An improvement along these lines is expected this year.

Next session is to be held at Buckatunna, on the M. & O. railroad, beginning Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1901. L. A. D.

Deer Creek Association.

This body will meet with the Leland Baptist church at 10 a. m. on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October. We would be glad, and hope to have a large attendance, both of delegates and visitors.

We need more laborers for the Delta, and for that reason each church should be represented, so there could be a more concerted action, which means a better work, and we might come upon some plan by which we could induce some of the preachers from the hills to "come over and help us."

Now, if you want to see the "biggest little church in the biggest little town" in the State, you come, and we will guarantee you this, and assure you that you will find a place to stay—with the finest people you most ever met.

Would be glad if each delegate and each visitor would notify me before coming.

J. R. BAKER,

Secretary.

Gloster.

We expect to begin a meeting at the First Baptist church at Gloster next Thursday night, September 20th.

Rev. T. S. Compton, of Baltimore, Md., will do the preaching. Will not the brethren over the State pray for the meeting? Bro. Compton can hold another meeting or two in the State. Any church or pastor who would like a strong man to help them, will do well to get Bro. Compton. Write me and I will arrange meetings.

JOHN P. CULPEPPER.

October 4,

College Tidings

We opened the third week with an enrollment of 250 students; new ones are coming in almost every day. Unless there is some unforeseen hindrance we will easily pass the 300 mark this session. Let the heart of every Baptist in Mississippi throb with praise. We have about 30 ministerial students and many other fine boys.

Our church is in fine condition. We have already raised about \$170.00 of our \$200.00 on the convention debt.

Last night Dr. Provine and Prof. Sharp were ordained as deacons; Dr. Sproles of Vicksburg, was with us and we had a good time.

We feel that the Lord was greatly good to us when he sent us Bro. Lipsey for pastor.

Come to the B. Y. P. U. Convention; the town is so full of students that we may have to put you on a "Baptist pallet," but what we lack in luxury we will make up in welcome.

Yours in hope and joy,

W. T. LOWREY.

Clinton, Miss.

The Judson Association.

The 48th annual session of the Judson Association was held with Hopewell church at Abney, Itawamba county, Miss. The Association was called to order by its former moderator, Bro. R. S. Thomas. The writer, upon the absence of Bro. Houston, was elected to preach the "introductory," using as a subject, "Our Inheritance" Text, Rom. 8:16, 17. After which a bountiful dinner was spread. Permanent organization in the afternoon followed, which resulted in the election of brethren R. S. Thompson, Moderator; Steve H. Turner, Clerk; J. A. Williams, Treasurer.

The writer at the 11 o'clock service, Friday, preached from Rom. 1:16. Subject, "The Gospel." There were no night sessions held during the sitting of the body. On Saturday at 11 a. m. Elder J. L. Fergun on preached the most soul-stirring sermon that it has been our privilege to listen to in a long time. His subject being, "The Distinctive Principles of the Baptist Church."

Each subject that was presented in the reports was given attention, and was ably discussed by the brethren. This is said to have been one of the most interesting, and especially the most spiritual sessions of this Association. A collection was taken for missions and the Orphanage. We failed to get the amount collected. The next session of this Association will be held with pleasant Hill church, 5 miles east of Tupelo, Miss. May the Lord continue His blessing with these brethren.

Yours in the work,

W. N. SWAIN.

A Correction.

In the announcement of Miss Bell Stigler, of Lexington, in our issue of two weeks ago, the types made her say send reports to "Mrs. Moody." It should have been Mrs. Woods.

1500,

Sunday School.

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7, 1900.

BY W. F. YARBOROUGH.

JESUS DINING WITH A PHARISEE.—Luke 14:1—14.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14:11.

CONNECTION.

The quarter before us is a continuation of "The Great Worker at His Work," up to the time of his arrival at Jerusalem for the last passover. Most of the lessons of this quarter will give us something of the teachings of Jesus on social relations. The prominence of socialistic questions at this time should lead us to study these questions with special interest, that we may learn something of what Jesus taught on so important a subject. The first lesson is in the nature of an introduction. It deals with the social problem only in a very elementary way. The exact time and place of this lesson cannot be fixed with certainty. The events probably took place in Perea shortly after the feast of dedication. According to Broadus' Harmony, John 10:22—42, fits in between the twenty first and twenty-second verses of Luke 13. It is evident that only the briefest outline of Jesus' work and teachings is given along here. His conduct at this dinner party offers some excellent suggestions as to the proper conduct of Christians at social gatherings. The table talks of Jesus would make an interesting study.

EXPLANATORY.

Healing on the Sabbath, 1—6. Jesus under no circumstances lost sight of the main purpose of his mission. It would have been so easy to have found some excuse for not healing the sick man on the Sabbath, in the presence of these Pharisees, but Jesus is never disturbed by circumstances. He does his work regardless of criticism. It is hard to escape the idea that Jesus was invited to this feast in order that he might be entrapped. The fact that his host was a Pharisee, the presence of this dropsical man on the Sabbath taken together with the absence of a word from the sick man, point to a sinister motive behind the invitation. Moreover, Jesus finds himself under the strictest surveillance of the company. He reads their hearts and knows that they are watching to see if he will heal the sick man on the Sabbath. He takes care to throw them on the defensive before he proceeds to heal the man. He had antagonized the Pharisees before by healing on the Sabbath, and knows that he will not escape criticism this time. He therefore very tactfully submits to them the question whether it is lawful or not. If they answered yes, they would compromise their former position. If they answered no, they would have been called upon to show wherein it was unlawful, which would not have been easy to do. Usually they would say that the unlawfulness of such a deed lay in the means used to effect

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the healing, but as Jesus often healed directly, as in this case, by the spoken word, this plea would have been insufficient. Unless they objected before the healing was done, there was very little ground left for objection afterward. Under the circumstances they could say nothing. Having thus thrown them on the defensive, Jesus healed the man of the dropsy and dismissed him. Jesus showed them the unreasonableness of their position by another question. "Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a well, and will not straightway draw him up on a Sabbath day?" This effectually silenced them. If these Pharisees had really set a trap for Jesus by inviting him to a feast and confronting him with this dropsical man, they were signally defeated on their own ground.

Self-Abasement Encouraged, 7—11. Probably the healing took place just before they went to the table to eat, and as they were taking their seats Jesus witnessed a scramble among them for the seats of honor. At any rate there was a disposition among them for each one to get a seat of honor. They had meant to condemn him. He now condemns them, but in the form of a parable, so as not to seem too personal. Then he speaks of a marriage feast, where disinctions of honorable position would be much more closely observed than in this, an ordinary meal. In pointing out the humiliation of a man who had presumed to take the chief's seat, when he was not entitled to it, he doubtless pictured to their minds what they had actually seen. The would-be guest of honor would be taken to the lowest seat, because the intervening ones were already occupied. He points out that it is much better to receive honor by being promoted, than to try to honor one self and then be humiliated. From this illustration of common experience on the part of those who seek worldly honor for themselves, Jesus drew the practical observation of the golden text: "For every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Jesus meant this as something more than a lesson on table manners. He meant it as a lesson in practical life. In christianity, "the way up is down."

Full recompense not to be expected in this life, 12—14. The lesson on humiliation was spoken to the invited guests. Jesus now has a lesson for the host who had invited him. Possibly as Jesus would never be expected to invite this Pharisee to a feast, he took advantage of the Pharisee's deviation from his customary practice, to enforce a general lesson. While he himself would not be classed among the maimed, the lame or the blind, he was poor, and quite likely the Pharisee felt that it was an act of condescension for him to invite Jesus.

The lesson is, that such a spirit brings a blessing in the day of final accounts that will be in the nature of a recompense. Jesus does not mean here to destroy that pleasant and enjoyable practice that friends and relatives of the same social standing have, of occasionally inviting each other to a dining or such like. He does mean that they must not reserve their hospitality or beneficence for those from whom they expected to get value re-

ceived. The verb "call" is in the present tense, and means that it must not be their habitual practice to call only relatives and rich neighbors to our feasts.

It would be well for families that can afford it, to give a dining occasionally to those whom they can never expect to invite them in return! Again, it is a great spiritual lesson that our Master would teach, i. e., that we must not expect a return here for all the good we do.

PRACTICAL POINTS.

1. The principle on which our Lord would place Sabbath observance is, that it is lawful to do anything that would be for man's best interest here and hereafter. This includes all acts of mercy.

2. We should never allow our circumstances to keep us from doing what we know to be right. Jesus knew it would be God's will for him to heal the dropsical man on that Sabbath day, and so the fact that he is in the house of a man who would not approve of such an act, does not affect him.

3. The most common place things about us can be so turned as to be of immense practical and spiritual value. Jesus never lost an opportunity in social intercourse to turn any subject to good account.

4. The highest honor and the fullest recompense can be obtained only by those who look beyond the present and temporal to the future and eternal. A correct view of life is only gotten by one "who endures as seeing him who is invisible."

Pheba.

I write you a short note to give the visible results of my work. In my four churches we have received twenty-three for baptism and all the churches greatly strengthened in the spirit. Bros. Bunyan Coal, A. C. Ball and M. K. Thornton were with me this summer in my work, whose labors God greatly blessed. God be praised, for He is giving us many of the rich desires of our hearts. God bless THE BAPTIST.

W. H. THOMPSON.

Ministerial Education.

Our college has had a grand opening, 233 students, perhaps more. A large number of ministerial students also. Twenty of these need help from our Ministerial Board to enable them to pursue their college studies. A number of others write that they will be here in a few days. Our three ministers' cottages are full; and we have not money enough on hand to buy provisions for ten days.

Received during the past seven weeks, from Bowling Green church \$5.00; Mrs. Mary Smith \$1.00; Rev. W. A. McComb \$4.00; S. W. Mississippi Association \$3.00; through Dr. Brough \$11.00; total \$24.00.

Brethren, friends, pastors and Ladies' Societies, please help us at an early date, for our need is urgent.

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The Home.

I'll Keep That Dream.

"Twice a dream full of beauty and pleasure—
The scene was so grand and complete;
It seemed that the angels were singing
Around the sweet silent retreat.
'Twas joy to picture the grand—
It filled me with rapture and love,
As of the calm waters I drifted
And gazed at the bright stars above.
On the Lake of Contentment floated—
My dream glided smoothly along;
And over the still waters there shined
Soft strains of a beautiful song.
Ne'er before had my life seemed so
perfect—
So free from earth's sorrows and
trials;
In that hour of bliss were forgotten
The cares that oft burden my life.
Ah! wake to find I'd been dreaming,
But I'll keep that dream sacred and
dear.
'Twas the dream angel that led me so
gently
To the Lake of Contentment and
Charm."
ADA CHRISTINE LUGHEBY.
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Your Wife.

Some rules should be given for
the use of husbands who would
learn how to keep a wife, and they
will be found simple enough where
they are.

Try to be as thoughtful of your
wife's comfort as you were when
you first tried to win her heart;
she needs your thoughtfulness more
now.

Don't forget all the little cour-
tesies you used to show her, and
which made you appear so well in
her eyes; if there were fault to
endear her to you before marriage
she would be a thousand times
dearer to you now.

Let her tell you her grievances
and tell you her worries; you may
be able to help each other, and
you can surely comfort each other.

Help her sometimes with the
children at night, when they are
fretful, and you have no help.
Supposing that you do put in the
plea that you are tired and that
you have been working all day;
hasn't she been working all day,
too, and isn't she tired?

Never do anything that will
make you appear mean in her eyes.
Describe her perfect confidence.
Catholic Telegraph.

The fifth annual convention of
the National Phonograph Association
to be held in Cincinnati on the
30th instant promises to be an
event of distinct contemporary hu-

man interest. This association is
made up of more than thirty pho-
nograph companies situated in al-
most every state in the Union.
Some eleven or twelve years ago
they made fifteen year contracts
with the North American Phono-
graph Company which then owned
the Edison patents. The claim is
set upon that Edison was paid
\$750,000 in cash and received
stock in the local companies to the
amount of \$1,393,600, but instead
of protecting them when the North
American Phonograph Company
went to the wall he proceeded to
build on the ruins regardless of
everybody's rights and established
the National Phonograph Com-
pany which has since been doing
more or less business. The repre-
sentatives of these companies are
on the war-path for fair, and they
speak of the transaction above re-
ferred to as "the shameful spec-
tacle of Mr. Edison and his two
employees conspiring together in
an attempt to defraud the local
companies of their rights by a col-
lusive sale and the substitution of
his own company, the National
Phonograph Company, in their
places which company is now
usurping their territory. It is es-
timated that the amount now due
the local companies, under their
contracts in the way of royalties
on machines and supplies sold in
their respective territories by Mr.
Edison and his distributing com-
panies since they became the suc-
cessors and assignees of the North
American Phonograph Company is
some three million dollars, and
it is proposed to recover that sum
of money. The amount paid in for
the rights, machines, supplies and
appliances by the several phono-
graph companies was \$724,000 for
which the latter seem only to have
got a bad case of heartache.

The Work of Missionaries.

As usual in affairs of this kind
missions and missionaries come in
for widespread comment and dis-
cussion. In general the charges
made are that missionaries have no
right to disturb the religions of
other people; that many of the men
sent for the work are not fitted for
it, and lack discretion and diplo-
macy, and finally, that the com-
petitions among the different creeds
lead not only to many troubles but
also to frequent open scandals.

These objections may easily be
left to themselves. The mistakes
and weakness of some of the
missionary enterprises are admit-
ted, but the credit side of the ledger
is so vastly greater than the debit
that no wholesale or even general

charge against missions can for a
moment stand. Testimony in their
favor is not only universal but
overwhelming.

The heroism of the early martyrs
was not greater than the courage
of the modern workers. Once be-
fore in China missionary work
converted nearly 300,000 people
to Christianity and persecution al-
most extinguished them, but
through it all the spirit of the work
remained. In other countries peo-
ple were massacred for their faith,
but other men took up the cause
and carried it on. The conse-
quences of these labors in foreign
lands are over two millions of con-
verts, exclusive of children; over
20,000 of organized congregations,
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ers, 20,000 secular schools with
nearly a million scholars, 35,000
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tion, progress, education and
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to the spirit but to the body, for
many of them are graduates in
medicine. The material results
are indeed magnificent, and if chris-
tianity were not to seek to convert
the whole world it would simply
admit its own defeat and deny the
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ty, Oct. 13.

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Oct. 19.

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Oct. 20.

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TULSA.

Left Tulsa Saturday to fill my appointment at Toccoa. The meeting had not closed to the time of my leaving. Six had been received—three for baptism, two by letter, and one restored, who had joined the Campbellites, but, seeing the error of his way, returned to the bishop and shepherd of his soul. May proceed at Toccoa in October.

W. L. MORGIS.

"FROM THE STAGES."

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July I climbed Pisgah's summit and viewed the landscape over. We planted our battery and went to work. Sunday night Bro. S. W. Spores came to our relief. Wednesday it rained so we had to quit. We Baptists love water, but we don't want it sprinkled nor poured on us.

I went from there to Pleasant Ridge, and it was pleasant to be there. That week I told Bro. Stranburg there pouring out the truth of Christ to the people, and they were taking it, and the result was we had to bury eight (8) at the close of the meeting.

From there to Central and the brethren and sisters said: "You preach and we will pray." We continued eight days, and late one evening, as the sun was setting, I buried three.

From there we turned Wild Bill homeward; stopped on the way with Bro. Shanks, at Salem, three days. From there by horse to see the kind lady that kept the inn, and stayed all night. She treated me so nicely and was so kind I felt like I wanted to stay awhile and rest, but I had to go on to old Elberton.

Found the church waiting for me, and I backed my ears and wound in, as you all know I go winding. I stayed there until Friday closed; left two for burial. Hope they will not get offensive before I get back.

Left there and went to the Yazoo Association, and, what a time we had. We felt like P. did on one occasion. It was good to be

there, but, like him, when I got to the foot of the mountain I found plenty of work to do.

Left there and went to help Bro. Stranburg at Air Mount. I held him off and preached to his people a week. He is a great man and has a great people.

Went back to Central, and received one more for baptism.

From there I dropped in at Bear Creek and found, them in a meeting, and their pastor, Bro. Faucher, was sick, and I stayed with them until Sunday evening. I troubled the waters there Sunday morning. I buried four (4) there, but they rose again.

Wild Bill run off down in Attala and pulled me up at Macedonia, and stopped for me to help Bro. Shanks, but alas! he was gone, and Bill got mad and went home, and now I am ready for the District meeting.

DAVID BURNEY.

Ackerman, Miss.

TYLER, TEXAS.

The First Baptist church here has just closed a profitable meeting. Many things conspired against the meeting, but all who attended were greatly helped.

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Any church desiring to improve its song service will do well to secure Wolfsohn for a meeting.

My hearty greeting to all Mississippi saints.

J. H. GAMBRELL.

Sept. 25, 1900.

DOTS FROM THE FIELD.

We commenced a meeting with Pleasant Hill church on Saturday before the first Sunday in September. The meeting closed on Monday following, with four accessions to the church—three for baptism.

The writer then went to help Pastor Breland at Corinth, where he found pastor and people hard at work. The meeting there closed on Wednesday, with about twenty-three accessions, most of whom were by experience.

Our next meeting was with Harmony church. There Brother Broadus, from the Red Creek Association, was hard at work, but after getting there the writer took his turn in the pulpit. The meeting closed on Wednesday with ten

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accessions—nine for baptism. The church was greatly revived, and a subscription was taken for a new house.

Our next meeting was with Antioch church, in Harrison county, about three miles from Long Beach. Here we commenced on Friday night before the fourth Sunday, and continued till Tuesday, the writer and Rev. T. Dossett taking turns in the pulpit. The church was revived, and one united with the church by experience. Also, the writer took a small collection for Home Missions.

We commenced here on the 29th. You are giving us a good paper. It ought to be in every Baptist family in the State.

Respectfully,

M. A. SHEPPARD.

Hartel, Miss., Sept. 27, 1900.

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Bro. Slater is a good man and one of our best deacons, and with such a noble young lady for his wife he will surely be useful and happy.

CHAS. L. LEWIS.

Deaths.

Miss Ella Van Voris.

Miss Ella Van Voris was born November 6, 1854, professed religion in 1865, baptized by Elder W. F. Green. Deceased was, at the time of death, August 25, 1900, a member of the Batesville Baptist church. Her religious life is told in a word, a Christian. How much it means! Eternity in heaven can only tell. With God and the angels and the redeemed in glory. What boundless meaning! Who can tell the import of these words? Active in church work, a true missionary, faithful in Sunday School teaching. She leaves a vacancy. One brother and one sister (wife of Elder Jno. Ritchie, D. D.) and many friends to mourn her death. We sadly miss her.

"Like the dew on the mountain,
Like the foam on the river,
Like the bubble on the fountain,
Thou art gone and forever."

PASTOR.

New Orleans Christian Advocate will please copy.

Batesville, Miss.

In Memory of Mary Weaver

At her home in Ruleville, Miss., August 29, 1900, with the dew of youth still fresh upon her brow, the sweet spirit of Mary Weaver took its everlasting flight. She was the daughter of Dr. J. C. and Mrs. Willie Dicken Weaver. Was converted at the age of fourteen years, and united with the Baptist church. Mary was the life and joy of her home, a morning sunshine to all about her. With a disposition so cheerful, kind and amiable, few had a greater number of friends. A noble heart has ceased to beat, a short and beautiful life has closed, but the memory of Mary Weaver will live with us while life lasts. How our hearts ache, and our tears fall as we realize that we shall never more on earth see that sweet face, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, for when we too, have crossed the river, we expect to meet our darling, "safe in the arms of Jesus."

L. P. D.

Mrs. Cora Ferguson.

At her home, Aug. 19, 1900, near Learned, Miss. She was a member of Salem church and lived a noble, Christian life. As a wife and mother she was true and always faithful. All who knew her loved her for her faithfulness. She has left eight little children, oldest about fifteen, and her husband, mother, several brothers and sisters and all her neighbors to mourn her loss.

CHAS. L. LEWIS.

Mrs. E. V. Morris.

Our community was brought to sorrow on September 16th by the death of the above named noble woman. She was the wife of Rev. S. Morris, formerly Miss Emily Victoria Flemming.

She was born in Copiah county Aug. 21st, 1858, and was married July 8th, 1883, was baptized by brother J. Jasper Green. She was a noble woman, a true Christian, a faithful wife and devoted mother.

Our sympathies go out, especially to her bereaved husband who is a noble fellow-worker in the ministry, and to little Olie who must grow from childhood to womanhood without the care of a mother.

Truly,

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As we took a last farewell, we beheld purity alone embodied. Too lovely was this flower for earth, God claimed her for his own beautiful garden.

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Woman's Work.

Woman's Missionary Union.

This also that she had done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Total contributions, \$88,466; to Foreign Board, \$57,100; Home Board, boxes, \$2,000, cash, \$18,114; to Sunday School Board, boxes, \$4,940, cash, \$1,364. Christmas offering for China, \$8,309. Annuity gifts, \$9,000. Expenses, \$2,273.

STUDY TOPICS.

"Present Activities." "Woman Missionaries in the Various Fields." "How May Women Do More for the Master?" "Their Celestial Home to Him?" "Growth in the Work."

The Woman's Meeting of Lebanon Association met in Mattiesburg, Sept. 1st. Mrs. A. A. Montague presided, as our Vice-President, Mrs. E. V. Clark failed to be with us. We feel that the meeting was not only a success, but soul-inspiring as well.

Several delegates were present with good reports. An interesting program was carried out and a heart-thrilling talk from Bro. Searcy made us glad to be humble servants in such noble work. We feel greatly encouraged and we believe God is with us in this noble work, and we are so happy to feel that every church in Lebanon Association will give this Woman's Work a hearty lift.

After years of faithful labor Mrs. Clark resigned the Vice-Presidency, and her labor without a mantle has fallen upon very weak shoulders. I very earnestly beg the sympathy, cooperation and prayers of the Lebanon Association that our Woman's Work may not suffer through neglect or ignorance for the present twelve months.

In all Christian love
MRS. BESSIE LACKEY STAPLETON,
Vice-Pres. Lebanon Ass'n.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee, W. A. U.

AS ADOPTED BY WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION AT ANNUAL MEETING, AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK., MAY 14, 1900.

Looking forward to another year of service, the Executive Committee, Woman's Missionary Union, recommends that we unite yet more heartily in carrying out the various requests made by the Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards. It is hoped that the time is not far distant when through the wise plan of appointment,

each State may be able to raise its full share of the amounts asked.

2. It is thought that the Church Building Loan Fund is a plan which will commend itself to far-seeing people. The loan of one or two hundred dollars as a start in building meeting houses in destitute sections will stimulate many thus to put their work upon a more solid basis, who are now holding services in dug outs, school-houses, rented rooms, arbors—any place that can be obtained. We therefore urge that W. M. U. workers carefully consider the importance of this work, read all obtainable information, and labor to secure large gifts for the carrying out of these large plans. The proposed educational features in Mountain work are also heartily commended, and the suggestion made that our giving for this cause include personal service from those in that vicinity.

3. The appeal of the Foreign Board for one hundred societies, each to contribute an amount equal to the support of one native helper, meets with a warm response. Recognizing that pressure, in the sense of earnest activity, is necessary if this mark is to be reached, it is suggested that greater effort be made in emphasizing the privilege of supporting a "substitute" and in increasing the membership of Woman's Mission Societies.

4. As the Sunday School Board wishes to commemorate the dawning year of the New Century by the introduction of its periodicals into every Baptist church, we recommend that this effort receive whole-hearted co-operation. May the missionary spirit and general helpfulness of these periodicals be carefully noted, and both tongue and pen be consecrated to emphasizing their educational value to Southern Baptists.

5. The passing of each year brings increased appreciation of responsibility for beginning at an early age to train children for the Master's service. The giving of special attention to the Babies' Branch is therefore urgently urged. Seek to interest mothers; remember the possibilities of young lives; pray that the little ones may indeed be "His loved and His own." Equal attention should be given to gathering girls and boys into Sunbeam Bands, older girls into Young Ladies' Societies, and those of mature years into Woman's Mission Societies. In other words, beginning with the cradle, let us labor for the establishment of a graded system of missionary societies.

6. The need for enlarged gifts, and increased numbers interested

in Mission work is recognized as a call to constant prayer. Again the Mission (Prayer) Card is recommended, and also the Programs prepared for the "Week of Prayer" in January, and the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial" in March. The holding of Woman's Missionary Meetings in connection with State Conventions, Associations and Quarterly Meetings, is very gratifying. It is hoped this plan may be more generally adopted, and also that at each District Association reports be made of work done by Societies in that District. The beautiful spirit of mutual helpfulness existing between Woman's Missionary Union and State Central Committees, also State Central Committees and Local Societies, is noted with thanksgiving. To this is largely due the success of the past, and the hope is expressed that in the future we may all abound yet more and more in the work of the Lord.

Important.

Blanks have been distributed for every society, and requests that they report promptly. Reports received after October 15th will not be credited this quarter, as the books of Central Committee close for the quarter on that day. Societies will please report before that time.

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Temperance.

McKinley's Most Vulnerable Point.

The most vulnerable point of McKinley's administration is not imperialism, so called, which is good or bad according to the construction put on it, but that he has assented to the astonishing decision of his Attorney General, which turned a prohibitory law into a permissive law.—*Chicago Advance*.

Jangling Voices.

Any attempt to drag it [the canteen question] into politics should be frowned upon or ignored entirely.—*The Oil City Derrick*.

Ignore it; that's the plan! And after election get what comfort you can out of the returns. It is a pity that interest in the question of the army canteen should have been revived in the form that it now assumes.—*The Burlington (Vt.) News*.

Fact! It is a sorry sight to see a high government official caught in a lie.

A New Ideal.

The following is an extract from an article by John G. Woolley, Prohibition Presidential candidate:

"The Prohibition party is for a new ideal in American politics; it stands for a party—itsself for another—in which young men may aspire to rise in the public service, and yet be brave and clean. Its personnel is as heterogeneous as that of any other party. We are for Gold and Silver; Protection and Free Trade; expansion and withdrawal from the Islands. Individualism never had a better illustration in human kind; but we fuse at one great certain righteousness that whether we prosper or suffer; whether we win or lose; whether we can bar foreign liquors; whether we can shut our own distilleries and breweries; whether we can find honest men enough to administer the laws; whether we can save a home or a boy, we will not be in partnership with the saloon. The other parties are mere puddling-stones of economic differences, waiving righteousness. We are a crystal, formed at righteousness, waiving our economic differences. This is not only ethical but artistic, scientific, practical. So the great homes are made by waiving temperamental disagreements and holding like grim death to fundamental principles. So the church, in spite of doubts and unbeliefs, false doctrines, superstitions, hypocrites have kept the one sure faith intact. 'In every na-

tion he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted.' Thus, having ruled our own spirits, we doubt not for one minute our ability to take the city and the nation in due time. We have no concern about the electoral college this year. We have no choice as to who shall kill the liquor traffic, but we shall win this fight. At present we are forming a nucleus to build to or to turn over to our successor as events determine. We are for quality. No coward comes to us; self-seekers run from us; no traitor treats with us. We have no fear of what this or that Administration might do if it got into power. There is but one thing to fear in this country; that the people will learn to put up with base ideals and ratify treason, in the greed of gain. General Jackson's words to Southern nullifiers was nobly said, 'By the Eternal, I'll hang you!' We say to both the nullifiers of conscience as the Golden Rule of politics: 'In the name of Jesus Christ, we'll cast you out.'"

Report on Prohibition.

[Read by O. B. Souter at the Chickasaw Association, at its last meeting.]

Your Committee on Prohibition respectfully submit the following. Satan has no more potent agency in all this land of ours than the liquor traffic. It is to science, civilization and christianity their greatest hindrance. Under God, its removal must depend upon the forming of a wholesome public influence, the power of conscience enlightened by the word of God, and upon the strong arm of the civil law wisely enacted and faithfully enforced. As this temperance reformation is God's work we should go to the fountain of all wisdom for direction, and invoke His blessing upon all efforts put forth to exterminate the liquor traffic, that the young men may be saved from the snares of the tempter, and the ponds broken that now

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hold so many as willing captives in the slavery of strong drink. In view of the fact that all drunkards come from the rank of moderate dram drinkers, the influence that even a moderate use of it may have upon others, and especially the young, we earnestly urge total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, believing it to be contrary to the principles of christianity to encourage the traffic in any way. One may say that we are powerless because we have no power to enact laws gov-

erning our country; but we say we have all the power, if we will only use the power we have. God says: Ask and it shall be given; and He says: Whatsoever ye ask in my name, I will do it. He also says: That if any two agree as touching any one thing, it shall be granted. Then we know that if every professed Christian would live up to the high standard, that it is his privilege to do, we could prohibit it; for we are under the great Captain, who never makes a mistake; who has said: I am with you all way even unto the end of the world. If God be for us, who can be against us?

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Monday, Oct. 8—Psalm My Shield (v. 10). Compare Psalms 28:7.

Tuesday, Oct. 9—Psalm The exalted position of man (v. 5). Compare Psalms 21:4, 5.

Wednesday, Oct. 10—Psalm 9. The supreme judge of all (v. 4, 7, 8). Compare Psalm 98:9.

Thursday, Oct. 11—Psalm 10. The King forever and ever (v. 16). Compare I Tim. 1:17.

Friday, Oct. 12—Psalm 11. Whom the Lord trieth (v. 5). Compare James 1:12.

Saturday, Oct. 13—Psalm 12. Words of the Lord are pure words (v. 6). Compare Psalm 119:140.

Sunday, Oct. 14—Prayer meeting. Do not worry. Matthew 6:25-34.

—From the Baptist Union.

The Executive Committee announces that the State B. Y. P. U. Convention will convene at Clinton, the 6th, 7th and 8th of November. The key-word is *Missions*. A strong program is being prepared. Your name may appear on this program, and *you* may not; but shall I stay at home for that reason? Not much. I won't! It will be a grand meeting. The subject of *Missions* will be under discussion for three days. It will be presented in all its phases. It will be the most exhaustive treatment the subject has heretofore received at the hands of Mississippi Baptists.

WE CAN ALL GO. The Constitution provides for two delegates from every Union for every twenty members, or fractional part thereof; and from churches where no Union exists, two delegates for every fifty members. This is according to the Constitution; but all who come will be enrolled—a way will be found to do this; or, at least, it was so last year, and will be so again if we want it that way. WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED IN ATTENDANCE! It will be such a good time to visit the boys and girls at College. Let's all go and give Clinton ENOUGH time! Begin to arrange for it now, and when the time comes DON'T FAIL TO GO.

BATESVILLE! Were you ever there? In response to an urgent invitation, thrice repeated, I was with them last night, and addressed

them on our B. Y. P. U. in general and "Christian Culture" in particular. I had not talked to them but ONE HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES to the dot, before I found out they could endure sound doctrine much LONGER than the average congregation. The pastor and people are greatly interested in the work; and the pastor will organize a class in the Christian Culture Courses, and meet them weekly in his study, for instruction in the Bible and Missions. Brother Lomax has passed his "three score and ten"; and yet, his interest in the affairs of the Redeemer's Kingdom puts many a younger man to shame. In thinking of him one can but be reminded of Gen. Wheeler, on the night after the Santiago battle. When others would have retreated, under cover of night, he said, "No! not to-night," emphasizing his remarks by taking up and beginning the work of entrenchment, in which the next morning they were found facing the foe, holding their own. You will never be able to draw "a dead line" in front of such vigilance and courage as this. Let's all "follow suit." What do you say? Too busy, did you say? Well, there is another way to say the same thing—just say, "I am too lazy," as Mr. Spurgeon would suggest.

The Alabama State B. Y. P. U. Convention meets at Tuscaloosa, October 30th. The Kentucky Convention will meet at Lexington, October 31st. Their theme will be "State Mission Work." They are looking for ONE THOUSAND delegates to be present. If Kentucky can turn out ONE THOUSAND Baptists on that occasion, how many ought Mississippi to turn out at Clinton?

The Michigan Young People (and the whole country, too,) are called upon to mourn the sudden death of the gifted young Dr. E. A. Read, professor of philosophy in Kalamazoo College, and president of the State B. Y. P. U. It was my pleasure to know Bro. Read personally, being in school with him two years. He was a pious, noble, consecrated Christian, and had he lived, would have taken high rank with the leaders of the denomination, no doubt. He was a Canadian, and died while on his vacation, in Nova Scotia, September 19th, of typhoid fever.

Deer Creek Association.

Deer Creek Association will meet, (D. V.) at Leland, Miss., October 18, at 10 o'clock, a m.

We extend to all our paper, board and college men an earnest invitation to be with us. Leland is on the Y. & M. V. R. R., near the crossing of the Southern R. R.

W. M. BURR,
Associational Clerk.

Pearl Leaf Association.

We wish to say to all who anticipate attending the Pearl Leaf Association, which meets with Green's Creek church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, that they have moved from the old stand and have built a neat and commodious house. It is located on the Morrison road, three miles northeast of Hattiesburg.

Come, brethren; we are prepared to receive you. Why not the editor meet with us? THE BAPTIST (our paper) is very sparsely circulated through this section of the country.

J. E. DAVIS,
Moderator.

Rev. J. P. William's Churches.

This is not blue Monday with me, for the sun of hope shines joyously in my heart to-day. The four churches to which I preach met with Calvary in a fraternal conference, held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 29 and 30. We discussed the following subjects: Temperance, Relations of Church to Pastor, Sunday Schools, Missions, The Baptists, Their Doctrine, Growth and Obligations. These subjects were discussed mostly by laymen, except the last. Many said "it was the best meeting I ever attended."

I don't think I was ever in services more likely to develop Christians. If our country churches would come together in groups of three and four and hold such meetings great good would result. Brethren, you just ought to hear some of these laymen talk on missions for instance. These four churches have given to missions \$308 the past year, and about one-third of the members did it. We are going to address ourselves to the matter of enlisting the other two-thirds. We hope to do better. We want, some day, to give enough to support one missionary.

These same churches, Bethany, Monticello, Crooked Creek and Calvary, constitute my field for another year, and I don't think any brother has a better.

With love to the brotherhood, yours,

J. P. WILLIAMS.



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